

## # 221 W. JOPPA ROAD

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Mc Guire House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

221 W. Joppa Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Leslie S. SparksTelephone #: 825-8165

STREET &amp; NUMBER

433 Range Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21204**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #:

Folio #: See Attachment

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Summer, 1978</u>

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This nearly square, two story frame structure rests on a rock-face formstone foundation, is covered with brown wooden shingles, and supports an equilateral hipped roof. It is the equivalent of three bays deep and two bays wide although there are four openings on the bottom and two on top.

Along with these features there are other qualities which give this building a distinct character.

The appearance of the north facade (street facade) is dominated by a full single story porch, the roof of which corresponds to the shape of the main roof. This roof with a tongue-and-groove ceiling is supported by rectangular, truncated columns.

The porch itself rests on formstone piers with lattice in between, is enclosed by a wooden-paneled rail, and is reached by four wooden steps.

The fenestration is irregular in placement and type. Two evenly placed 1/1 sash occupy the upper story. However, the first story contains a pair of 1/1 sash in the western bay, a six light casement window in the eastern bay and an off center four-paneled glass entrance door.

The fenestration of the west facade is also somewhat irregular. The upper story contains two evenly placed 1/1 sash windows, whereas the lower story has a pair of 1/1 sash in the southernmost bay.

The foundation tapers from approximately 2 feet in the North to 6 inches in the South.

The south facade has a partially enclosed porch on the eastern half of the first story. There is an open but covered entrance in the easternmost bay and an enclosed pantry area projecting South from the building with casement windows in the western bay.

The most irregular fenestration exists on the east facade. Of the three windows on the second story, the two occupying the south and middle bays are 1/1 sash and one on the north bay is a casement window.

The first story has a single sash in the southern bay, a casement window in the northern bay and an entrance to the cellar in the middle bay. There are also two cellar windows on this facade.

Eight feet South of this building stands a gable-end single car garage running East to West, covered with the same brown wooden shingles as the house. It is characterized by double doors having criss-cross battens over tongue-and-groove panels on the east end. There are six lights per door. The west gable end is lighted by a 2/2 casement window.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

## LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II  
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

D. Owings

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Summer 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH for # 221 W. JOPPA RD.

Liber 4325, Folio 393 July 3, 1964  
Grantor: George M. Schellenberger & wife  
Grantee: Leslie S. Sparks & wife

"Beginning...south side of Joppa Rd....50'...East 51'7"...  
West 70'...West 45'...Northerly...94'...beginning...known as  
# 221 W. Joppa Rd."

Liber 3646, Folio 565 December 23, 1959  
Grantor: Elva G. Young  
Grantee: George M. Schellenberger

Liber 3646, Folio 563 December 23, 1959  
Grantor: Marie H. Geckle & G. M. Schellenberger  
Grantee: Elva G. Young

Liber 3379, Folio 58 July 9, 1958  
Grantor: Agnes S. McGuire  
Grantee: Marie H. Geckle & G. M. Schellenberger

Liber 612, Folio 511 June 7, 1925  
Grantor: Sarah E. O'Dell et.al.  
Grantee: James A. McGuire & wife

Restrictions: 1) That the house to be erected on said lot shall  
be at least 25' from the south side of Joppa Rd.  
2) That no house shall be erected upon said lot  
costing less than \$5,000.

"Beginning...on west side of a 20' alley...West 90'...East 117'on  
the south side of Joppa Rd....East 101'7"...West 70'...beginning."

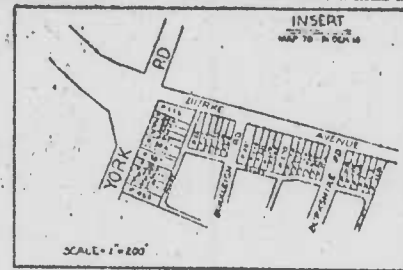
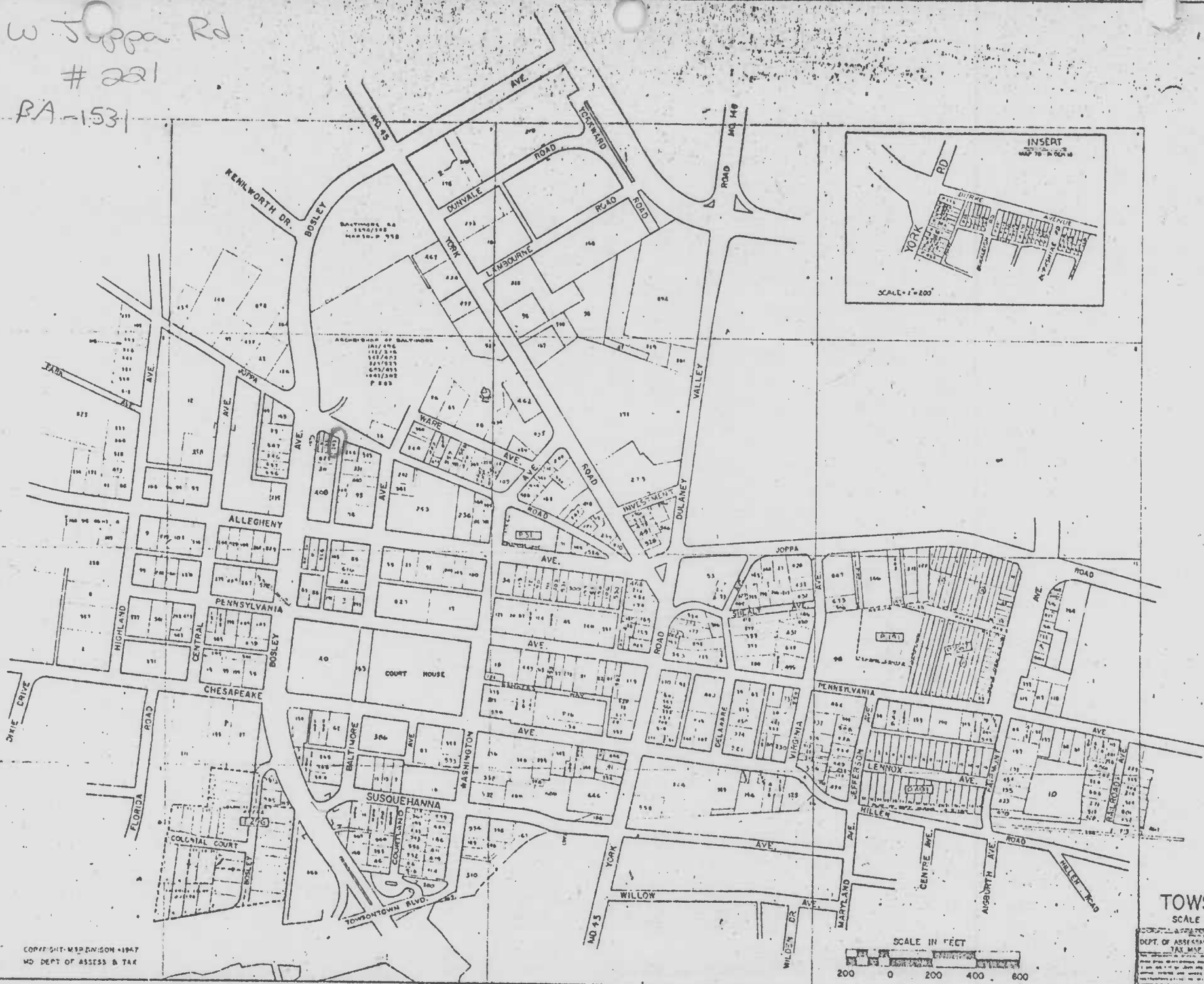
Liber 232, Folio 571 June 1, 1898  
Grantor: Home Permanent Mutual Land and Building Association of Balto. Co.  
Grantee: Sarah E. O'Dell

## OUTBUILDINGS IN TOWSON

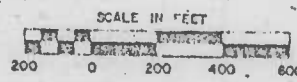
Outbuildings are important in understanding pre-modern lifestyles. In the area of transportation for example it is easy to overlook the number of buildings and other structures which have come into existence with the development of the combustion engine. These would include not only the home garage and gas station but heavier bridges and hard top roads as well as a host of "drive-in" stores and entertainments.

Although not as extensive or explosive, the same may be said of the age of horse travel and its buildings and structures. An understanding of Towson in the second half of the 19th century would be incomplete without realizing the number of stables necessary for housing horses and wagons. Neither the Hopkins nor Bromley Atlases indicate chicken houses, privies, etc., but they do show that quite a few homes had stables and barns behind them. The Hopkins Atlas of 1877, for example, shows over forty stables in central Towson. The Bromley Atlas of 1898 shows most of these still in existence with an additional twenty or so having been built in the meantime. All but one of these outbuildings are indicated as being of wood construction. Most of these were probably frame although it is known that the Bowen House for example had several log outbuildings. In 1850 there were stone outbuildings at Epsom and there was a stone spring-house behind the Towson Tavern but the only masonry barn/stable indicated by Bromley is a large brick structure on the southwest corner of Delaware and Pennsylvania Avenues. Hopkins appears to indicate the same structure in 1877.

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# 221  
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SCALE 1"=200'

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W. NIELD  
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# 221 W. SOPPA RD.

S.E. CORNER

W. NIELD

9/78



SINGLE CAR GARAGE  
#221 W. JOPPA RD.  
S.W. CORNER

.W. NIELD  
9/78